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INVESTMENT IN TELECOM SECTOR
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign investors who have come forward so far to invest in the Telecom Sector during the last three years and the current year;

(b) the details of the proposals approved by the Government during the said period; and

(c) the impact of such investment on the Telecom Sector to improve its efficiency?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT)

(a) The total number of Foreign Investors who have come forward to invest in the Telecom Sector during the last three years including the current year are as under:

Year	Total number of Investors
2006-07	53
2007-08	44
2008-09	61
2009-10 (up to September 2009)	117
Total	275

(b) Details of the proposals approved by the Government from April 2006 till September 2009 are given in the annexure.

(c) Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) brings in Capital and Technology, which are essential for qualitative and quantitative growth of the Telecom Industry. During April 2006 to September 2009, telephone subscribers have grown from 142 million to 509 million. Each investment in telecom infrastructure will improve its efficiency.